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THE SCHOOL CONFAB CORNER.

The school officials have no desire to be autocratic nor dictatorial in the administration of school affairs. We know that the general public ought to be and are deeply interested in education. It is not only proper but very desirable that the acts of public officials be closely scrutinized and open to intelligent criticism. Indifference is the greatest menace to public good. But it is very essential that those who criticize be informed on the matters which they undertake to discuss.

We are all painfully aware that our public school system is far from perfect. The results are not satisfactory in many ways. There seems to be a general awakening to the fact that our schools are not meeting the needs of the time. But the remedy is not easy to find and it is pure nonsense of those who have not made a careful study of educational problems to sputter over trivial and superficial details, when it is evident that there is something fundamentally wrong. How to rectify the wrong in just the right way, is engaging the most earnest attention of our profoundest thinkers; and it is but just that we should try to keep in touch with this advance thought and research, so that we may not retard, but assist its progress. It will take time and thought and patience to evolve this new regimen of better things, but it is coming. Let us help all we can; hinder as little as we can keep out of the way, and try to keep step with every advance movement.

We believe that the press is a great educational agency, and can render great service to our public schools. We believe that universal education is a live subject and should ever be kept before the public. We believe that education is a far broader subject than is covered by our school curriculum, and that its value is determined more by what a man is than by what he knows. We believe that the same methods used to enlist interest in any other enterprise, will be effective in arousing a greater interest in our schools. Therefore, it is our purpose to take up the discussion of educational problems and policies, through the columns of every county paper that will give us the space.

Please remember, however that we do not necessarily endorse all that we publish; for it is impossible that we should come to any just conclusions, unless we look at both sides of a question. So let us look facts squarely in the face and not try to dodge issues nor defend pet theories. We cannot afford to miss the truth.

Please do not think us presumptuous, if we undertake to discuss subjects that are much more fully and ably presented in our current periodicals. The fact is a great majority of our citizens are not magazine readers, and many of them take no periodical except a county paper. It is evident, therefore, that this is the best medium

The Music Festival

The grandest musical event that ever took place in Florida is being largely attended in Stetson University this week.

THE MESSIAH.

The affair began Wednesday evening with Handel's Oratorio, "The Messiah." Those who took part were the vesper choir, augmented to 50 voices. Mrs. Genevieve Clark Wilson, Soprano. Miss Elaine DeSelle, Contralto. Mr. John B. Miller, Tenor. Mr. Arthur Middleton, Bass. Mrs. C. S. Farriss, Miss Julia E. Wainwright, Pianists. Orwin A. Morse, Organist. John W. Phillips, Conductor.

ORGAN RECITAL.

This took place Thursday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Professor Orwin A. Morse, the successful director of the School of Music, presided at the organ and rendered the following program: Guonod: March from Queen of Sheba. Lacombe: Spring Serenade (Arranged for organ by O. A. Morse.) Bach: Toccata and Fugue in D Minor. Kinder: Berceuse. Widor: Allegro Cantabile from Fifth Symphony. Chopin: Funeral March. Wagner: Vorspiel to Lohengrin. Tannhauser March.

CONCERT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF FLORIDA MUSIC SCHOOLS.

This took place at 4:00 p. m. on Thursday. The program: Vocal: Selected. Stetson Glee Club. Organ: Festival Toccata. Wolstenholm. Miss Bertha Foster, of the School of Musical Art, Jacksonville. Vocal: Berceuse from Jocelyn. Godard. Miss Lena Conkling, of Stetson. Violin: Sonata op 52 No. 3. Grey. Mrs. Florence D. Hequembourg, of the Florida Female College Tallahassee. Mrs. Edith Tyler-Griffith at the piano. Vocal: King's Prayer (Lohengrin). Wagner. Mr. Walter Drenner, Rollins College, Winter Park. Organ: Spring Song. Hollins. Miss Foster. Violin: Aria and Gavotte from English Suite. Bach. Mrs. Hequembourg. Vocal: Harmony. Del Reigo. Miss Lena Conkling. Miss Eva Baker at the organ. Piano: Ballade in G Minor. Chopin. Miss Julia Wainwright of Stetson. Piano and Organ: Allegro Grazioso. Tchaikowski. Miss Keipp and Miss Foster.

CONCERT BY SOLO QUARTET.

THURSDAY, 8:00 P. M. Mrs. Genevieve Clark Wilson, Soprano. Miss Elaine DeSelle, Contralto. Mr. John B. Miller, Tenor. Mr. Arthur Middleton, Bass. Assisted by: Mrs. Edith Tyler-Griffith, pianiste. Miss Bertha Foster, Organist. Mr. A. Pauli, Cellist.

LECTURE RECITAL BY JOHN W. PHILLIPS.

FRIDAY, 11:00 A. M. Mr. Phillips was assisted by Miss Conkling, soprano, and Mrs. J. W. Phillips, accompanist. The program: Morning Greeting. Faith in Spring. Hark! Hark the Lark. Miss Conkling.

Wandering. The Stormy Morning. The Guide Post. Mr. Phillips.

Who is Sylvia. My Sweet Repose. Resting Place. Miss Conkling.

The Wayside Inn. Courage. The Counterfeit. Mr. Phillips.

CONCERT BY SWIFT'S ORCHESTRA. This will take place at 4:00 o'clock this afternoon. Personnel: Wiley Pope Swift—Conductor. Henry E. Eichler, B. F. Jenness. — First Violins.

Frank J. Koebele—Second Violin. A. Schussel—Viola. A. Pauli—Cello. O. L. Southland—Bass. P. Amerena—Flute. Mont Arey—First Clarinet. Roswell S. Bushnell—Second Clarinet. Alfred Banan—Cornet. Frank O. Dodge—Trombone. William F. McGovern—Tympanum and Drum.

ELIJAH.

The great oratorio, for which Director Morse has been training 100 voices for the past three months, will take place this evening at 8:00 o'clock, and will attract the largest audience of the festival. This will be the "banner event of the festival." Those who take part will be the DeLand Choral Society of 100 voices.

Swift's Orchestra, of Boston. Mrs. Genevieve Clark Wilson, Soprano. Miss Lena Conkling, Mezzo Soprano. Miss Elaine DeSelle, Contralto. Mr. John B. Miller, Tenor. Mr. Arthur Middleton, Bass. Mrs. C. S. Farriss, piano. Mrs. G. B. Selden, Organ. Orwin Allison Morse, A. A. G. O., Conductor.

All the entertainments have been largely attended, music-loving people coming from every section of the State. Director Morse has made a complete success of the event, and deserves great credit for his untiring efforts. He has been ably assisted by Mr. E. G. Baldwin and Mr. A. L. L. Suhrie, the other two members of the Lyceum Committee.

MEMBERS OF THE DELAND CHORAL SOCIETY, THE VESPER CHOIR AND THE GLEE CLUB.

ALLDIS, Mrs. J. F. ALLDIS, Mr. J. F. ATKINSON, Mrs. J. C. BLISS, Mrs. E. BARRON, Mrs. MAUD BARRON, Miss INEZ BISHOP, Miss MATTIE BOUCHELLE, Miss EVA BOUCHELLE, Miss FRANCES BROADWELL, Miss ELSIE BAKER, Miss EVA CODRINGTON, Mrs. C. O. CODRINGTON, Miss GERTRUDE CROUCH, Mrs. G. W. CONKLING, Miss LENA COTTON, Mr. J. W. CARLTON, Mr. D. E. CARLTON, Mrs. L. F. CRANCE, Mrs. W. M. CRAMER, Mr. F. E. DANIELS, Miss M. ELIZA DAVIS, Miss MYRTLE DINNING, Miss ILLA DURRANCE, Mr. C. M.

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Mrs. D. B. Moore and two daughters, the Misses Kathryn and Frances, and Mrs. Albert Schulties arrived this week from Washington, D. C. They have rooms at Mrs. A. L. Dailey's for the rest of the season.

Mr. Henry L. Boyd and wife arrived from Chicopee Falls, Mass., the first of the week and are with Mrs. Wetherell, on Michigan avenue.

A SERMONETTE

(BY THE OTHERWISE MAN)

Behold! There dwelt in a nearby city a woman who looked well to the ways of her household, and the light of her countenance shone bright in the tabernacle.

And it came to pass, that a serving woman from another tribe and of another color came to her household and did toil diligently from early dawn till eventide.

And when the hour of her departure came certain moneys were placed in her hand, and she counted them and said unto the woman: "Behold! Mistress, thou hast not paid me all the wage wherefor I have toiled." And the mistress cried unto her with a loud voice and said: "Go hence. Thinkest thou I will feed thee thy dinner and pay thee also for the time it takes thee to eat?"

So the woman traveled weary miles and her heart was faint within her, for but a small mess of pottage had been her food and much washing and hard labor had she done that day. And when she drew nigh unto her dwelling place, her children ran out and cried: "Didst bring food for us, we are hungry? And yet another cried: "Behold the landlord is within and the man (he was of the same tribe as the mistress) came forth and the woman said unto him, with tears, "Behold the dollar I promised thee I cannot pay all of it, since the mistress paid me not in full." And the man said: "Then out you go. Go now." And the woman begged crying, "Master we have not place to lay our heads, nor food to eat. Turn us not out this night, I pray you." But the man said "Go." So the woman gathered her goods and dragged them forth into the street. And she thought of the minister's wife and she went unto her and besought her to give them place to sleep and food, but the minister's wife said, "Behold, my house is small and children give me nerves, and I have only food enough for my husband. Go thou somewhere else." So because she was faint and could not go further, she went into the house of a poor widow with many children.

And the widow said, "Surely thou goest no further this night, but sleep thou in my bed with me, and thy children can lie on the floor with mine. And share thou this good hot grits, and in the morn my

John Johnson, charged with the murder of a negro at Bond's mill log camp. Johnson has not yet been given a preliminary hearing, but this will be done in a day or two.

Frank Dawsey, charged with killing another negro at Osteen, named John Williams. Dawsey stuck a three-edged file into Williams' breast, just over the heart. Williams pulled out the file, cried, "He's killed me," and fell over dead. The quarrel was over a woman. Dawsey and Williams were both mere boys, 14 or 15 years of age.

Then there is Theodore Hart, the Daytona negro, charged with the murder of his wife.

The Rev. Austin H. Jolly, D.D., president of the Presbyterian College of Florida, will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church next Sunday both morning and evening.

FIVE MURDERERS IN COUNTY JAIL

At the present time there are five persons charged with murder confined in the county jail. This will give an interesting term of Circuit Court when it meets in the spring.

There is McIver, the Seville negro, charged with murdering another negro and placing his body on the railroad track.

through which to reach the people and popularize any enterprise.

We shall welcome all information, suggestions, discussions, and clippings, just so they do not take too much of our time. We shall be glad to answer any questions, so far as we can, that are of general interest. Please look out for us in the future.



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